



ENFORCING A LAW THAT MANY PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IN

POLICE SEIZE 50 BOXES OF ILLICIT CIGARETTES



Boxes of illicit cigarettes were seized by police.

Northam/ Thabazimbi – Weekly arrests of people in towns and cities across the country transporting and selling cigarettes has dramatically increased the price of cigarettes. The SAPS were given the difficult task of enforcing a law – which obviously – many people don't believe in. Three suspects were arrested on Tuesday 2 June during two separate incidents in Northam and Thabazimbi, as police in Limpopo continue their operations against illicit cigarettes.

Two of the suspects were arrested along the R510 Thabazimbi-road while the other was nabbed along Alma-road in Northam. In both incidents, the suspects were caught transporting illicit cigarettes.

“One of the vehicles, a white Ford Ranger, was spotted along the R510 road where the suspects were confronted by police,” police spokesperson brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo said. “The vehicle was pulled over, searched and 30 boxes of Caspian cigarettes were recovered leading to the arrest of the two suspects,” he added.

In the second incident, a 42-year old suspect was arrested in the Northam policing area. “The vehicle was stopped by the police along Alma-road. The 20 boxes of Caspian cigarettes that were found in the suspect's possession were seized and he was arrested,” Mojapelo added.

The vehicles that were used by the suspects were also seized and investigations to establish the origin of the illicit cigarettes are underway.

SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR ILLICIT CIGARETTES, RELEASED ON WARNING

Polokwane – A non-commissioned South African National Defence Force (SANDF) soldier, who was arrested on Sunday 31 May for possession of illicit cigarettes, has been released on a warning.

The suspect was arrested by the military police (MP) in Seshego after a consignment of cigarettes was found in the military vehicle he was driving. SANDF spokesperson colonel Ronald Maseko told *Platinum Bushvelver* that ongoing investigations into the case would determine the fate of the suspect. “The member was arrested and taken to a local police station for processing. He was released on a warning, but this does not mean that he is free,” Maseko said. “We are still doing an investigation and he could be charged again, depending on the outcome of the investigations.”



BURGLAR LINKED TO 18 RAPE CASES

Polokwane – A 25-year old man, who is in court to answer to several charges of burglary, has also been linked to 18 cases of rape.

Through forensic investigations police established that the suspect, who appeared before the Giyani Magistrates' Court on Monday 25 May, is implicated in the multiple cases of rape.

The suspect was arrested in February 2020 following a lengthy investigation which established he had been allegedly terrorising community members in and around Thohoyandou, Giyani, Makhado and Tzaneen from as far back as 2014. He allegedly raped women aged 19 to 90 years. His modus operandi included attacking and raping victims in the bushes. In January 2014, the suspect raped a 90-year old woman after allegedly knocking on her door and pretending to be the victim's grandson.

“He will appear in court on 18 counts of rape. He will also appear before other magistrates' courts for burglary and house robbery cases,” police spokesperson brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo explained. The suspect was denied bail when he appeared before the Giyani Magistrates' Court on seven charges of burglary.

Police are still investigating all the cases and the suspect will be expected back in court on Wednesday 1 July.

Acting provincial commissioner of the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Limpopo major general Jan Petrus Scheepers commended the investigative work by police members attached to the investigative psychology unit (IPU) and the serial and electronic crimes investigation (SECI) unit.



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- Shop space to rent at Amandelbult, Tumela Shopping Centre.
- An initial 440m² shop space to rent for convenience store.
- Possibility to expand to adjoining facilities.
- Preference will be given to franchised traders.
- Due consideration to be made for BBBEE requirements.
- Bidders to present business plan.
- Nominal negotiated rent to include water and electricity.
- The company (Amandelbult Mine) would require a declaration of any conflict of interest from the party submitting their plan.
- To arrange a viewing contact Denis Mossop at 083 578 8438.
- Overview business plans to be submitted to dennis.mossop@angloamerican.com by no later than 19 June 2020 at 15H00.

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- Winkelruimte te huur in Amandelbult, Tumela-winkelsentrum.
- Aanvanklik 440m² winkelruimte om te huur vir geriefswinkel.
- Moontlikheid om uit te brei na aangrensende fasiliteite.
- Voorkeur sal verleen word aan franchise-handelaars.
- BSEB-vereistes sal oorweeg word.
- Bieërs sal 'n sakeplan aanbied.
- Nominale onderhandelde huur sal water en elektrisiteit insluit.
- Die maatskappy (Amandelbult Myn) sal 'n verklaring van enige konflik van belange benodig van die party wat hul plan indien.
- Om 'n besigtiging te reël, kontak Denis Mossop by 083 578 8438.
- Oorsig besigheidsplanne kan voor 19 Junie 2020 om 15h00 by dennis.mossop@angloamerican.com ingedien word.